

POLICEMAN THINKS MINISTER A BANDIT—SHOOTS HIM

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 27.—Because he failed to respond to a "hands up" command from a policeman, the Rev. Lot E. Doty, Baptist minister, was shot down late yesterday and is in a critical condition at the City hospital.

Witnesses said Patrolman Heener, chasing "gunmen," ran into a market where the minister had purchased some feed. The minister was putting change into his pocket when Heener ordered his hands aloft. The witness said Dr. Doty evidently did not hear the command or misunderstood.

JAPANESE STEAMER AGROUND —400 PASSENGERS PERILED

Tokio, Dec. 27. — The steamship Sankaku Maru is aground off Chefoo with crew and passengers totaling 400. The position of the vessel today was said to be hopeless. Two Americans are aboard.

Chefoo is a Chinese port in the province of Shantung, separated from Port Arthur by a neck of the Yellow sea.

PLAY A FUNERAL MARCH

If you are planning a "morning after the night before" head on you when the New Year blows into town next Sunday night you'll have to do it all in an hour's time. The booze laws which hang over our city are going to be forced to a finish, say officials.

And that all means that no drinks can be served except between the hours of 12 midnight, Sunday, and 1 o'clock New Year's morning. Nothing doing on Sunday liquor and the beverage bazaars must close shop at 1 o'clock.

Hotel managers are not greatly pleased with the prospects of the quietest New Year's celebration in history, but what can you do about it?

DOCTORS AGAINST LEGALIZING BIRTH CONTROL

New York, Dec. 27.—Physicians will not suggest a change in the state law, favoring birth control. That action was taken at a session of the Medical society of the county of New York by a vote of 210 to 72.

The report adopted, signed by six physicians, disapproved of doctors aiding in the limitation of families except in cases where the mother's life or health is endangered. A minority report, favoring instruction of women by physicians, was signed by two.

Acrimious debate preceded the voting, and the direct charge was made that physicians were doing under cover what they refused to favor in the open.

"What is done secretly might as well be made legal," declared Dr. Ira S. Wile, one of the proponents of birth control. "This society contains members who perform illegal operations—which are far worse than the giving of advice to regulate births—and yet retain their membership."

At a meeting of the American Gynecological association Dr. Robert J. Sprague declared every married woman capable of bearing children must at an average bring three children to maturity if the population is to be kept up. Of the married graduates of women's colleges he said "the average number of children per graduate is less than one."

Discussing the "constructive aspect of birth control," Dr. Sprague said that "for one great section of the population we need birth control, and for the other birth release."

He declared birth control was practiced extensively among the middle classes of native population. Excessive birth rate, "beyond the ability of parents to support, is one of the greatest evils people faces," he said.

Greater New York has 831,885 school pupils.